



DIALOGUE SESSION

# CANADA'S 'ACTION PLAN' TO IMPLEMENT THE UN DECLARATION: RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES



MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023, 3:00 P.M.-4:30 P.M. • HALIFAX CONVENTION CENTRE, ROOM A1

## SESSION DESCRIPTION:

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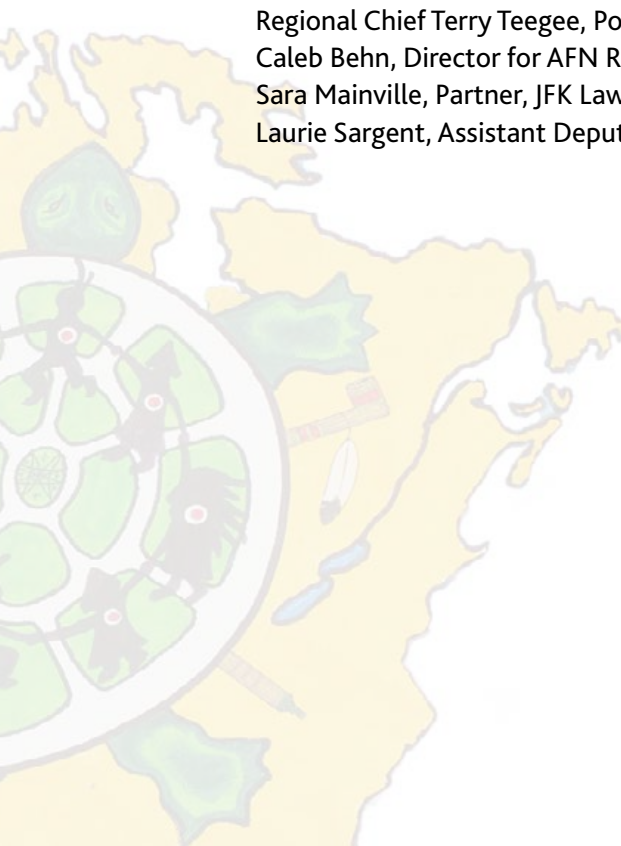
In 2021, the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (UNDA) received Royal Assent and came into force. The UNDA was intended to provide a roadmap for reconciliation. Canada's Action Plan to implement the UN Declaration was released on June 21, 2023, along with the second Annual Report on the implementation of the UN Declaration.

This Dialogue Session is intended to provide First Nations with a thorough legal grounding of the final version of the Action Plan, including an overview of the First Nations priorities that it does, and does not, contain. This grounding will extend into a dialogue about the opportunities and risks of the Action Plan Measures and consider the next steps of implementation required to achieve First Nations goals and objectives. This session will conclude by hearing from the Department of Justice, with opportunities to ask questions directly.

## SPEAKERS:

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Regional Chief Terry Teegee, Portfolio Holder  
Caleb Behn, Director for AFN Rights Sector (facilitator)  
Sara Mainville, Partner, JFK Law  
Laurie Sargent, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Justice (TBC)





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Time	Agenda Item	Leads
3:00 p.m.	Opening Prayer	Knowledge Keeper Barney Batisé
3:05 p.m.	Welcome and Introductions	Regional Chief Terry Teegee
3:15 p.m.	<b>Action Plan Measures: Legal Grounding and First Nations Priorities</b>  A high-level overview; identification of First Nations priorities; minimum standards for the implementation of the Declaration Act and Action Plan Measures.  Open Discussion	Sara Mainville, Partner, JFK Law & Caleb Behn, Director for AFN Rights Sector (facilitator)
4:00 p.m.	<b>Canada's Perspective on the Action Plan (with Q&amp;A)</b>	Laurie Sargent, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Justice
4:25 p.m.	Closing Prayer	Knowledge Keeper Barney Batisé
<b>4:30 p.m. - Meeting Adjourns</b>		